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Attachment 12

Inspector General's Recommendation, Page 96

Recommended DCI Action:

- a. Approve
- b. Disapprove
- c. Approve
- d. Disapprove

Inspector General's Statement

a. The DD/P abolish the Research Branch, OIS, and charge each unit in the DD/P with conducting or arranging for its own necessary operational research.

b. The DD/P charge the Intelligence Division, recommended in the section of this report on the Intelligence Problem, with coordination of external research in support of DD/P activities.

c. The DD/P re-emphasize the importance of operational research in reaching sound operational decisions especially when dealing with non-Western personnel.

d. The DD/P direct that "Highlights of Critical Developments" from CS reports be discontinued at the earliest appropriate time.

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DD/P Comment

a. Concur: The Research Branch was abolished along with the Operational Intelligence Support Division in August 1959.

b. Non-concur: This non-concurrence is inherent in my negative response to the recommendation of the Inspector General that an Intelligence Staff be established. At the time OISD was abolished the responsibility for external research was transferred to the PP Staff. I believe it is satisfactorily located there for the present.

c. Concur.

d. Non-concur: The "Highlights" constitutes a valuable asset in the maintenance of relations with Ambassador Cumming in the State Department. This summary guarantees that the Ambassador and other senior officers of the Department are kept

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regularly and frequently informed of the most important CS reports -- something which long and bitter experience has proved extraordinarily difficult if not impossible to accomplish in any other way. The summary also provides the Agency with a defense against false accusations -- frequent in the past -- that it has failed to inform the Department of important developments overseas. Unevaluated information might, indeed, mislead the uninformed. The Chief, FI has from the outset made absolutely clear to Mr. Cumming the difference between the "Highlights" and any DD/I material, and the material is clearly prepared as unevaluated.